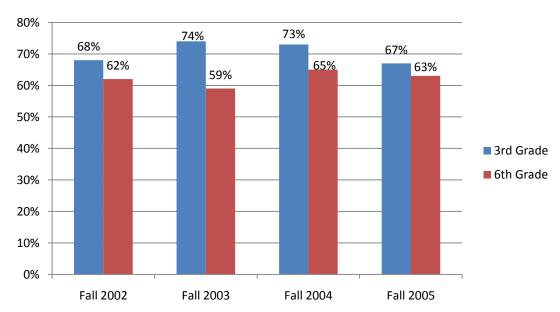
# Richmond Community Schools Reading Program



### RCS Literacy Initiatives 2002 – 2005

Four Blocks
Balanced Literacy
Previous Reading Adoption Materials

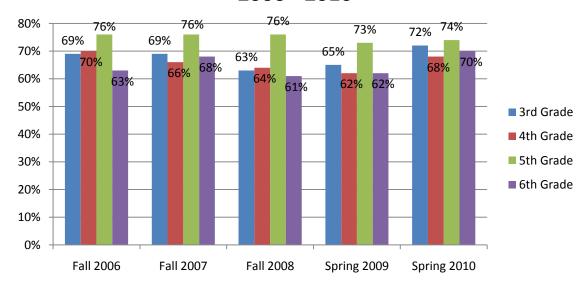
RCS ISTEP+ Performance 2002-2005



## Literacy Collaborative Framework 2004-2010

Supported by a Lilly Endowment CAPE Grant Primary and Intermediate Literacy Coaches District-wide Training Full Implementation during 2007-2008

RCS ISTEP+ Performance 2006 - 2010



# "You don't have an education problem, you have a community problem."

Suzanne Morris

#### **RCS Literacy Partners**

- Third Grade Academy
- Toyota Reading Program
- K Ready
- RHS Peer Helpers
- RCS Study Buddies and Mentor Program
- RCS Preschool

#### **Third Grade Academy**

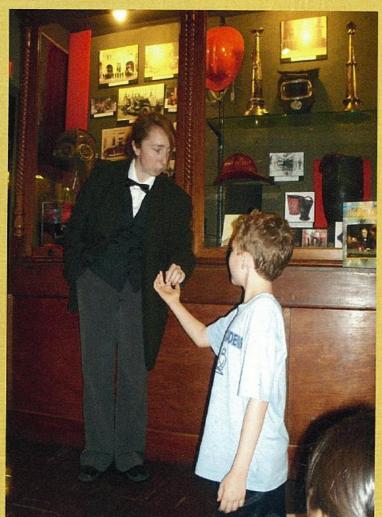
- Summer reading program for students scoring below grade level on the statewide tests.
- Without Walls
- Sessions held in a variety of local sites
- Lessons tailored to the settings
- Students select the sites where they want to learn.
- "Good Shepherds"
- Conceived by Vic Jose and Rick Ahaus, retired Richmond Businessmen
- Supported by the Wayne County Foundation, they raised more than \$150,000 in Year One
- Now preparing for its sixth year

#### **Wayne County Museum**

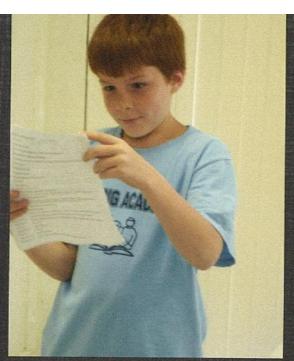








Richmond Civic Theatre



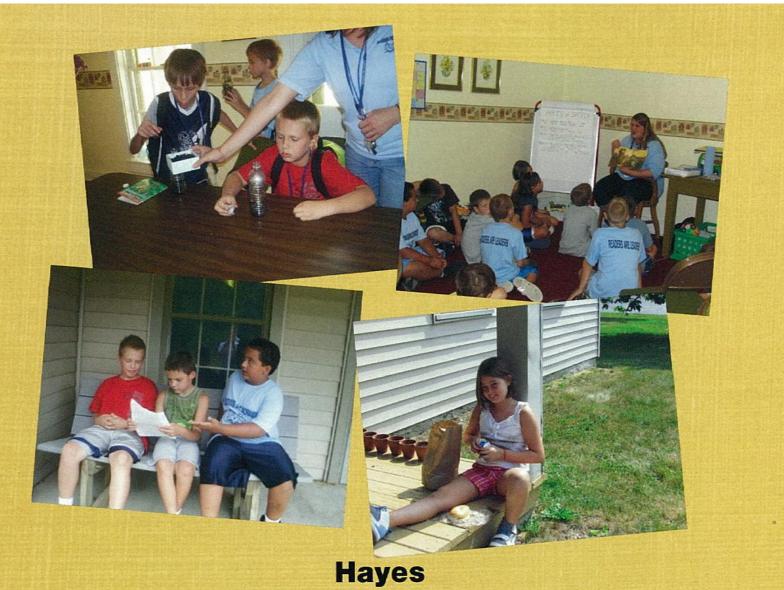






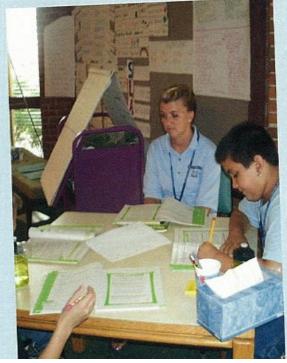


Earlham College Wellness Center



Hayes Arboretum









#### Morrisson Reeves Library



# Indiana University East









#### **RCS Board Goal**

Brain research indicates there is a window of opportunity, birth through nine, during which students must acquire a mastery of literacy capabilities essential for reading....We, therefore, pledge intense determination to ensure that all students read before age ten.

#### Monitoring for the "Big Five"

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
- Comprehension

# Opportunity School 2010-2011

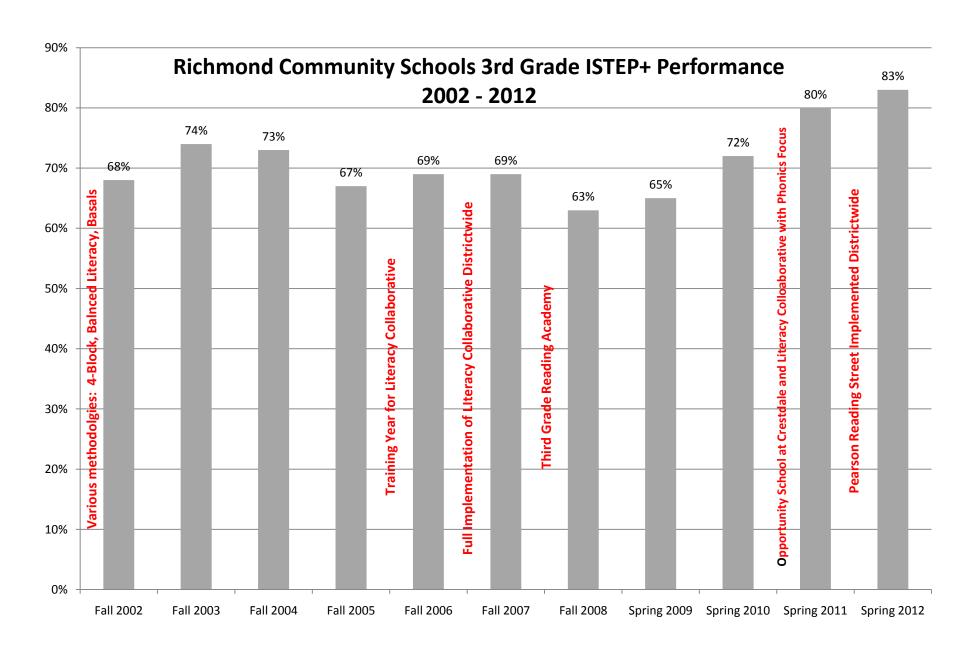
- Crestdale Elementary
- SBRR Core Reading Program
- Pearson Reading Street
- Year-long Professional Development

#### **Change in Direction**

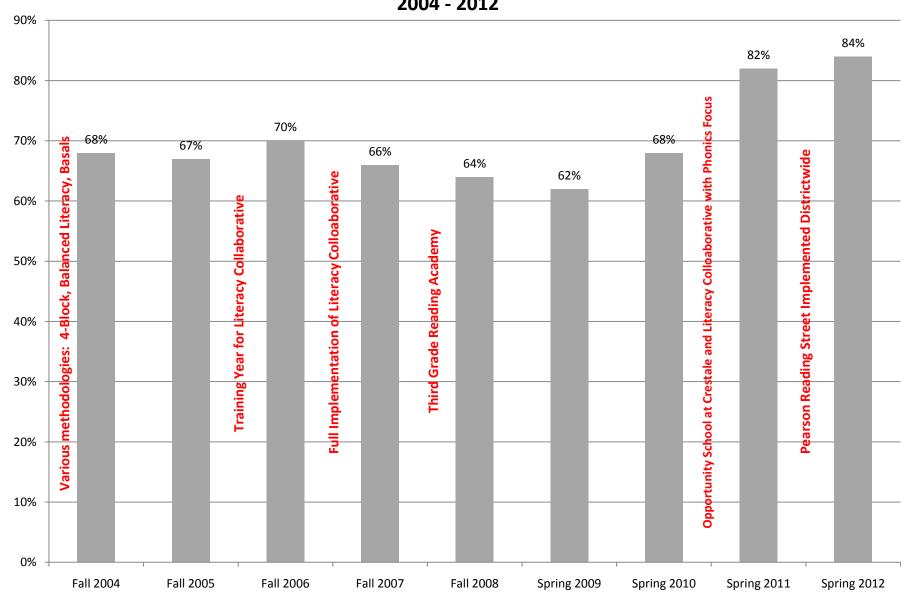
Success of the Opportunity School Slow District-wide Growth 511 IAC 6.2-3.1 Reading Plan

## Indiana K-6 Reading Framework 2011-2012

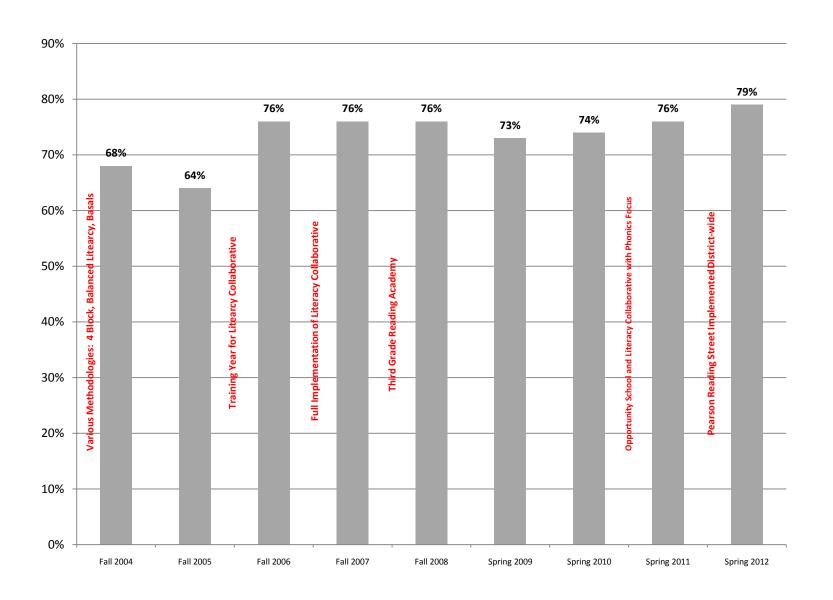
- 90-minute uninterrupted reading block
- 30-minute intervention period for reading
- mCLASS assessments for grades K-2
- Professional Development (assisted by John Wolf and Anna Schultz from IDOE)
- one full-time instructional data coach in each elementary building
- Adoption of Pearson Reading Street district-wide (provided free of charge as a district-wide pilot by Pearson)



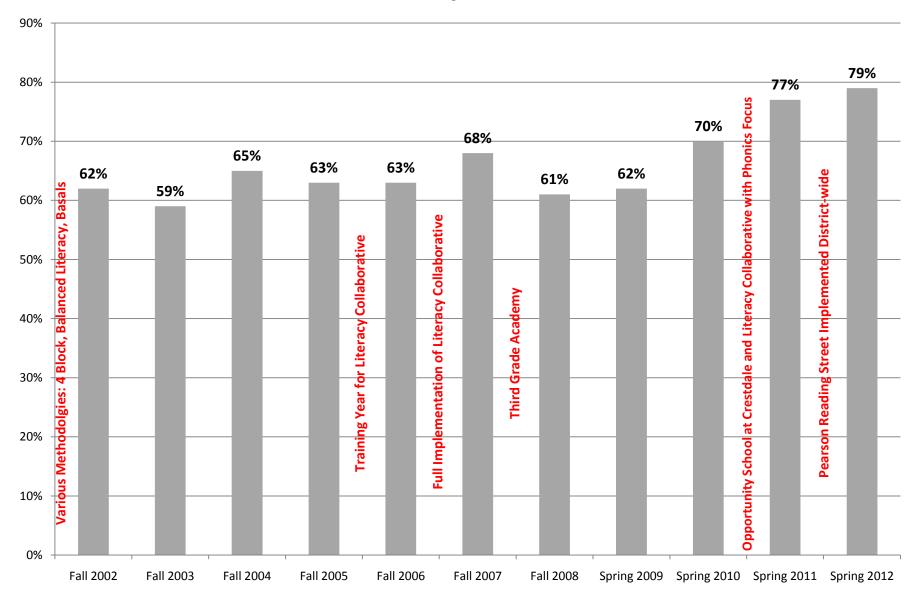
#### Richmond Community Schools 4th Grade ISTEP+ Performance 2004 - 2012



#### Richmond Community Schools 5th Grade ISTEP+ Performance 2004 - 2012



#### Richmond Community Schools 6th Grade ISTEP+ Performance 2001-2012



#### ...and Onward!

- 90+% of students K-12 read on/above grade level. (*Board Strategic Plan, 2013*)
- Read 180 at intermediate and high school levels
- Integration of elementary science curriculum with writing standards